

should respond to those people in need through support of international efforts. We should make it the cornerstone of our foreign policy to help those who suffer from not only natural disasters, but also those who suffer under inhumane sanctions, disease, and war.

On behalf of the many Indian-Americans and constituents in my district, I join with my colleagues in expressing our deepest sympathies with the people who have lost family members, homes, and businesses in this disaster. I am confident that with the outpouring of international aid and support coupled with the enduring resilience of the Indian people, that they will be able to rebuild and continue to move forward. Also, we thank all those individuals, organizations, and countries who respond to disasters throughout the world.

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, as the devastating results of the earthquake in Gujarat, India continue to unfold before the world's eyes, I believe I speak for all citizens of the United States when I say sorrow fills every heart and soul.

When tragedy of this magnitude strikes, its impact is not isolated by physical boundaries. The pain is felt by the entire world. Let us, as individuals, remember that while we have all experienced loss in our own lives at one time or another, many Indian families lost everything they had in one devastating moment. Therefore, let us, as members of local communities, reach out to our Indian friends, neighbors and coworkers and do all that we can to ease their pain and suffering. Let us, as a country, use the resources we've been blessed with to help the Indian government cope with this widespread destruction and loss of life.

Personally, I send my deepest sympathy to those families affected by this cataclysmic disaster. I, along with my family and my staff, also extend our hearts and hands to the Indian community here in America. With humbled hearts, we will pray for strength for the Indian nation.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member rises today in support of H. Con. Res. 15, which expresses sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck India on January 26, 2001, and provides support for ongoing aid efforts.

This Member would like to thank the distinguished gentleman from California (Mr. ROYCE) for introducing this sense of the Congress resolution and for his efforts in bringing this measure to the House floor today.

As is well known, on the morning of January 26, 2001, a deadly earthquake shook the state of Gujarat in western India, which injured and killed untold thousands of people and has left the building infrastructure in ruin.

India has appealed to the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the international community for the economic assistance to meet the relief needs facing India. It is important to note that the Asian Development Bank promotes development in the Asia-Pacific region through project investment lending, policy reform lending and advice, and technical assistance.

As the chairman of the Financial Services Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, which has jurisdiction over the World Bank and the regional development

banks such as the Asian Development Bank, this Member wants to convey his strong support for these aid efforts for India.

This sense of the Congress resolution was referred to both the House Financial Services and House International Relations Committee. As a member of both of these committees, this Member would like to encourage his colleagues to vote in support of H. Con. Res. 15.

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this resolution recognizing the recent tragedy in India as a result of a devastating earthquake and the horrific loss of life experienced by the Indian nation.

I want to commend the gentleman from Washington for introducing the original resolution.

Mr. Speaker, at the same time we are expressing our sympathy and support for the people of India, I want to call to the attention of my colleagues another tragic earthquake which recently hit El Salvador with equally horrific devastation and loss of life.

On January 13 an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.6, only 3 tenths of a point less powerful than the earthquake in India, rocked El Salvador. It is estimated that close to 1,000 people lost their lives, with another 4,000 injured.

Recently, I visited El Salvador along with several of my colleagues and witnessed first hand the tragedy which has engulfed that nation. We were told that over 75,000 houses were destroyed and another 118,000 damaged ultimately affecting well over 1 million Salvadorans.

Mr. Speaker, just when the people of El Salvador seemed to have recovered from the devastating effects of Hurricane Mitch, this tragedy hits forcing new sacrifices from an already battered population.

But as they did after Mitch, the people of El Salvador have already begun to put their lives back together with a fierce spirit of self-determination, and a lot of help from friends far and wide.

And although we are dealing here with the tragedy in India, I want to recognize the valiant efforts of the people of El Salvador, the hard work of their President, Flores and other government officials for their tireless efforts. I especially want to commend the dedicated people at the Agency for International Development and their Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance for their rapid reaction to this disaster and for the aid they provided on a moments' notice and continue to provide today as Salvador recovers.

Mr. Speaker, we all recognize the horror of these kinds of tragedies and the toll they take on the people of the nation affected. I want to salute those brave men and women in both India and El Salvador for the sacrifices they have made in these times of tragedy.

I urge support of this resolution and for the people of India and El Salvador.

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATHAM). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 15.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on motions to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today and on the approval of the Journal.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Concurrent Resolution 14, by the yeas and nays;

House Concurrent Resolution 15, by the yeas and nays;

approval of the Journal, de novo.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

#### PERMITTING USE OF ROTUNDA OF CAPITOL FOR CEREMONY AS PART OF COMMEMORATION OF DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF HOLOCAUST

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 14.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 14, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 407, nays 0, not voting 26, as follows:

[Roll No. 6]

YEAS—407

Ackerman	Bentsen	Brady (PA)
Aderholt	Bereuter	Brady (TX)
Akin	Berkley	Brown (FL)
Allen	Berry	Brown (OH)
Andrews	Biggert	Brown (SC)
Armey	Bilirakis	Bryant
Baca	Bishop	Burr
Baird	Blagojevich	Burton
Baker	Blumenauer	Buyer
Baldacci	Blunt	Calvert
Baldwin	Boehert	Camp
Ballenger	Boehner	Cannon
Barcia	Bonilla	Cantor
Barr	Bonior	Capito
Barrett	Borski	Capps
Bartlett	Boswell	Capuano
Barton	Boucher	Cardin
Bass	Boyd	Carson (OK)